





August 1, 2006

TO: Doug MacDonald

THRU: Brian Smith 

FROM: Elizabeth Robbins 
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SUBJECT: July 2006 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Governor Gregoire delegated approval of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments to you, effective January 28, 2005.

WSDOT's Policy Development and Regional Coordination Branch coordinated with Highways and Local Programs, Public Transportation and Commute Options, and System Analysis and Program Development to review five MPO TIP amendments. We find the amendments meet the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134. Based on our review, we recommend you approve the following MPO TIP amendments:

- Benton-Franklin Council of Governments—July 2006
- Puget Sound Regional Council—July 2006
- Thurston Regional Planning Council—July 2006
- Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council—July 2006
- Whatcom Council of Governments—July 2006

APPROVED


Douglas B. MacDonald
Secretary of Transportation

08/10/06
Date

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Attachments

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Attention: Stephanie Tax

2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-07

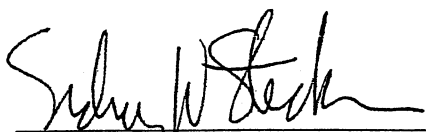
Dear Mr. MacDonald:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received your August 1, 2006 letter requesting approval of 2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-07. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and the FTA, based on the Certification of the statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes for and within the State of Washington, hereby find that the projects described in 2006-2008 STIP Amendment 06-07 are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirement of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart A, B and C, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5035, and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135.


Further, we find that the TIP Amendments of BFCOG, PSRC, TRPC, WCOG, and YVCOG, are in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for reducing the severity and number of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations and insuring expeditious attainment of the standards. Therefore, the amendment submitted by Ms. Tax is approved.

Approval of the STIP and any amendments thereto are not to be construed as a Federal-aid eligibility determination. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which Federal funds are solicited, as well as, other Federal requirements before Federal funds are authorized.

If you have any questions concerning our joint action on this STIP amendment, please contact Sid Stecker of FHWA at 360-753-9555, and/or Ned Conroy of FTA at 206-220-4463.

for 

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